AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, December 15th: Winter Concert - 5:00 PM -
Thursday, December 16th: Inauguration of the New Facilities on the Old Embassy Compound - 12:30pm
Thursday, December 16th: Director's Virtual Office Hours: 9:00-9:30 AM Elementary;
10:00-10:30 AM Middle/High School. Zoom link: http://zoom.us/j/9731240864 (Password 12345)
Thursday, December 16th: Last Day of Session 1 After School Activities; New Campus Opening
Friday, December 17th: Pajama Day
Monday, December 20th - Sunday, January 9th: Winter Break - **No School**

ALUMNI GIVE BACK TO AISN!

This past Saturday, December 11th our high school students had the opportunity to participate in a virtual roundtable discussion concerning college life and college preparedness with recent AISN graduates. Alumni in attendance included: Carolina (Ku Leuven, Belgium); Diane (Bishop's University, Canada); Khalid (Lafayette College, America); Mahfoud (University of Birmingham, England); Nayli (University of Toronto, Canada). AISN graduates provided beneficial advice and insight to our future college students concerning various topics including: transitioning from high school to college, daily schedules, time management, making friends, and having fun in college. A special shout out to Mr. Todd for whipping up some delicious waffles for the group!

AISN WINTER CONCERT AND ART SHOW

AISN's Winter Concert is set for TONIGHT at 5:00 PM.
Students should arrive by 4:45 PM.
Parents interested in attending need to contact Ms. Ndeye to get on the guest list!

AISN plans on opening its campus to parents/guardians only for this event. For the safety of every member of our community, no additional guests will be permitted. We will follow this protocol:

- Temperatures will be taken of students and parents upon arrival.
- Masks will be required at all times during the event, even for those who are fully vaccinated against Covid 19.
- Safe social distancing will be practiced.
- AISN Health Agreement will apply to all attending concert.
- Any parents wanting to attend the Winter Concert needs to contact Ms. Ndeye at ndeye.wade@aisnmauritania.com to have their name added to the Winter Concert Guest List.

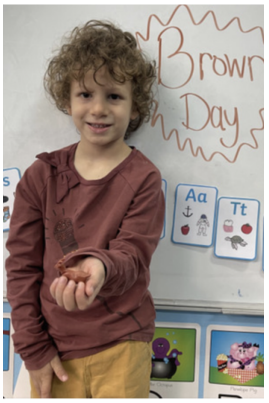
WINTER BREAK IS ALMOST HERE! It's time to relax, unwind, and enjoy the time off from school. Giving your mind and body a break from all the hard work we have done these past months is essential to gear up for 2022! ***Winter break starts Friday, December 17th at 12:45 PM. School will resume on Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 8:00 AM.*** From our family to yours, we wish a safe and healthy Winter Break! See you in 2022!

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ENDING: Current after-school activities will end this week on Thursday. New after-school activities will start again in January. Sign-ups will be available at that time. A survey concerning after-school activities was shared with both students and parents this week to gather information about current and future activities. Be sure to complete this questionnaire to have your voice heard about activities.

PAJAMA DAY: This Friday, December 17th students, faculty and staff are invited to come to school dressed in their pajamas! Just roll out of bed, head to school, and show your SCHOOL SPIRIT!

READING AWAY IN GRADE 2! The Grade 2 Explorers have completed their first chapter book, the fun and timeless, *Freckle Juice,* by Judy Blume. In the first week of school, they tasted 'Jitter Juice' after reading the story *First Day Jitters.* Will they come up this time with their own recipe for 'Freckle Juice'?

PRE-K COLOR OF THE WEEK! Ms. Victoria's Color of the Week was recently Brown. Students wore items of this color and brought in a toy with brown as well. Relating colors to everyday objects helps children become more familiar with them.



Exact Path

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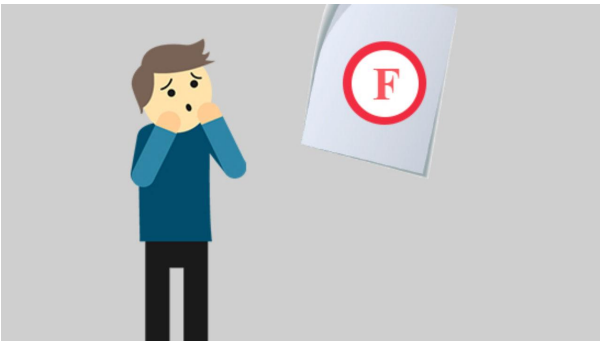
EXACT PATH WINTER BREAK PRACTICE! Students will continue to have full access to their personalized Learning Paths within Exact Path during the winter break, so that they can continue to develop skills within Math, Language Arts and Reading ahead of their return to school, and prevent any risk of learning loss. Setting aside just 30 minutes a day for your child/children to read and learn during the winter break will help them develop their reading and math skills within Exact Path further, as well as prepare them for the start of the new year.

Teachers will be assigning Exact Path practice over the Winter Break in an effort to sustain students' academic progress during the time off from school. **All students are encouraged to take advantage of the application during our 3-week break to avoid losing their academic gains from the first semester and to be ready to return to school in January.au**

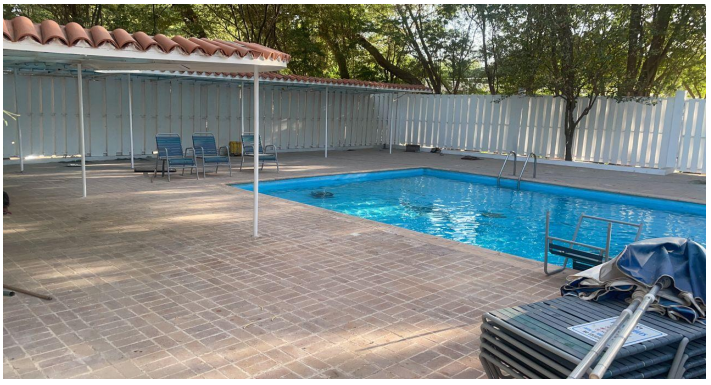
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL MID QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS: At AISN we believe that all students can succeed academically and our program is designed to promote mastery of skills. Learning takes time and repeated practice and the Edmentum Courseware courses allows students to review, re-do assignments, tutorials and mastery tests to improve learning and to improve their grade. If your child received a Mid-Quarter Progress Report this past week, the Winter Break is a perfect opportunity for your child to re-do assignments, review tutorials, and retake mastery tests. Grades, in high school, provide your child opportunities to attend their college of choice. Don't let low grades limit future opportunities. There is still time for your child to raise their grade before the end of semester, February 2. If your child received a Progress Report it is because they have not achieved a C or higher or their grade recently dropped significantly. It's a warning...not a final grade. Plan time during the Winter Break to help your child achieve better results. AISN Graduates are ACTIVE LEARNERS and working independently to improve their results during the Break is a great way to demonstrate this attribute.



FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE SERVICE LEARNING: A TIME OF GIVING: AISN students are COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS. Look what 4th and 5th grade have been up to!

DESIGN THINKING CHALLENGE: AISN students are CRITICAL THINKERS and PROBLEM SOLVERS. This project, open to Grade 9-12 students, parents, teachers and community members has our students co-creating with adults to design the new MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL building which has recently been donated to the school by the US Embassy. Our Middle School students are providing their ideas as part of this Design Challenge process. Look forward to seeing the designs we create in the coming week!

AISN NEW CAMPUS OPENING: It is with great thanks to the US Embassy that AISN is now able to officially open our new compound. Thanks to the generous donation of the US Embassy, AISN has now more than doubled its footprint and physical space. Our sports and play facilities have been updated and over the next several months, you will see many more positive changes as we move fully into this new space. This week's official opening will expand play spaces to include the basketball court, the swimming pool, the shady courtyard as well as two spaces which are planned for development. One of the spaces for immediate development includes a two-storey building which will be refurbished and become our new Middle and High School facility. The design is currently being co-created with our High School class through our Design Challenge Project. The second area of open space will be developed to enhance our indoor and outdoor learning areas and play spaces. We will continue to update you as our projects continue. Here are some photos of the work that has been completed by the US Embassy over the past months.



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from the AISN students, parents, faculty and staff!